

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

Sitka - Moller Park Baseball Field Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$2,315,000
One-Time Need**House District: 2 / A****Brief Project Description:**

State funding is being requested to complete the final phase of the Sitka Moller Park baseball field improvements project.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$3,655,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$560,000	10				
Local Funds	\$730,000	10				
Other Funds	\$50,000	10				
Total	\$1,340,000					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Baseball Tomorrow Fund.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

State funding is being requested to complete the final phase of the \$3.655 million Sitka Moller Park baseball field improvements project. Total project cost for synthetic ballfield turf is estimated at \$2,530,000 (anticipated \$165,000 in-kind labor). The State legislative funding request is for \$2,315,000 to complete the installation of a synthetic turf for Moller baseball field. If partial funding is received, City and Borough of Sitka will continue to leverage funding to raise the total amount required to complete the artificial surface.

Improving the baseball facility at Sitka's Moller Park is a multi-year phased project that began in earnest in 2004 when a group of parent volunteers constructed a batting cage facility complete with synthetic turf, nets, pitching machines and heat. This facility was built with 100 percent local funds and donated labor -- a \$275,000 value. Currently a new \$350,000 concession/announcer/ scorekeeper/restroom building is 95 percent complete. This facility was constructed with \$140,000 in donated in-kind labor & materials, \$100,000 City and Borough funds and \$110,000 FY07 State grant.

The next phase, when funded, will utilize State grant funds and volunteer labor (estimated value of \$50,000) to install field lights, new covered bleachers/grandstand with new relocated dugouts and improve outfield playing conditions by adding synthetic turf. This will allow more active use of the field and reduce maintenance costs significantly. The current field surface has underlying muskeg resulting in poor drainage. The saturated turf limits players' ability to utilize the outfield during rainy weather. During wet weather the swampy outfield gets very soft resulting in unsafe, slippery conditions which cause ankle and leg injuries and also damage the grass surface. At times the outfield grass cannot be mowed because the

tractor mowers sink into the muddy field. Three years ago the high school team hand carried and spread 30 cubic yards of sand onto the most dangerous areas in the outfield before games could continue. Currently, all Sitka High School, Jr. League, Sr. League and some men's softball league games are played on this one field. Hundreds of children participate in youth and high school programs annually, and with the outstanding successes of the Sitka High School and Little League's baseball programs, use of the field continues to increase.

Sitka's Little League and volunteer baseball group is very well organized and has a proven track record of leveraging funding to provide more 'bang for the buck' as demonstrated by the batting cage facility and the new building. This group is committed to this same partnership for all planned Moller Baseball Park upgrades. The project's budget to date includes \$780,000 (20 percent of total) in community sweat equity, donated materials, and City and Borough funds.

For FY2011, Sitka requests \$2.315 million for synthetic outfield turf to complete the final phase of the upgrade project to make the field playable nearly year-round. The previously State funded Moller Improvements projects will have great economies of scale with cost efficiencies in both design and construction if combined with the synthetic turf. Once these improvements are completed, no further State assistance is anticipated. Sitka will have a safer facility with lower maintenance costs that will provide for increased activities for Sitka's youth.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City and Borough of Sitka

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

FY2011 CBS LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

Project Title: SITKA MOLLER PARK BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Total Project Cost:	\$3,655,000 (100%)
State Funding Already Secured:	\$ 560,000 (15%)
City & Donated Funding Secured:	\$ 730,000 (20%)
FY2011 State Funding Request:	\$2,315,000 (63%)
Other Funding Requests: Baseball Tomorrow Fund	\$ 50,000 (1%)
Additional Funding Required:	\$ 0 (State request completes project)
City and Borough of Sitka Federal Tax ID Number: 92-0041163	

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2009-52

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS)
SUBMITTING CBS 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2010 LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has long supported cooperative efforts and resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public services for the citizens of the State of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has reduced its cooperative resources and efforts, resulting in not adequately maintaining State owned facilities and passing unfunded mandates on to municipalities; and

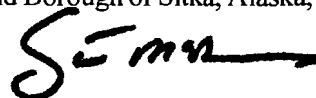
WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka and other municipalities have suffered major budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY2011 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:

- **State Revenue Sharing/Community Dividend/Local Tax Relief** - The City and Borough of Sitka supports State Revenue Sharing provided on a sustainable basis drawn from proposals such as the Community Dividend or similar means of equitably compensating Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** - State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, inflation, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution**- The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Public Transit and Community Transportation** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the creation by the State of a forward funded statewide Transit Trust Fund, with the income from the Fund used to find or match Federal funding for local public transit.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors being transferred to local governments. In addition, the state should fully fund the harbor 50 percent matching funds program legislated by SB 291, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund, to assist with future harbor upgrades.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY2011 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Priorities, CBS Legislative Capital Project Requests and CBS Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2010 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 22th day of December, 2009.

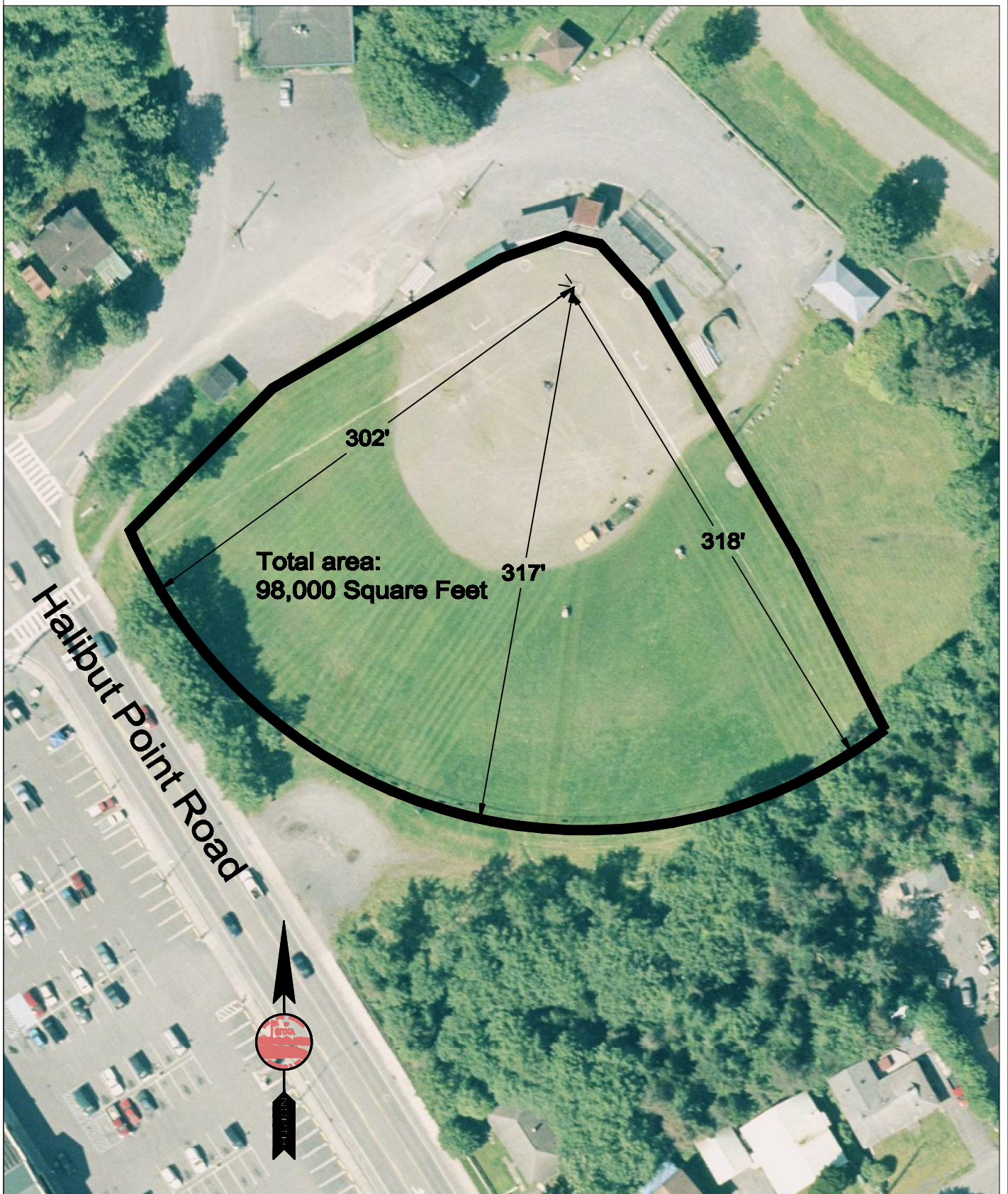


Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, Acting Municipal Clerk



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**Diagram Showing
Area of Baseball
Field at Moller Park**

DRAWN:	TAD	SCALE:	1" = ~80'
CHECKED:	N/A	DATE:	15Feb2007
DRAWING NAME	MollerParkArea		
SHEET NO.	1 / 1		

New Moller Field Concession Stand & Scorebooth built with \$140,000 donated labor, \$100,000 CBS funds & \$110,000 State grant.





MOLLER PARK

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BALL 2

STRIKE 1

OUT 2

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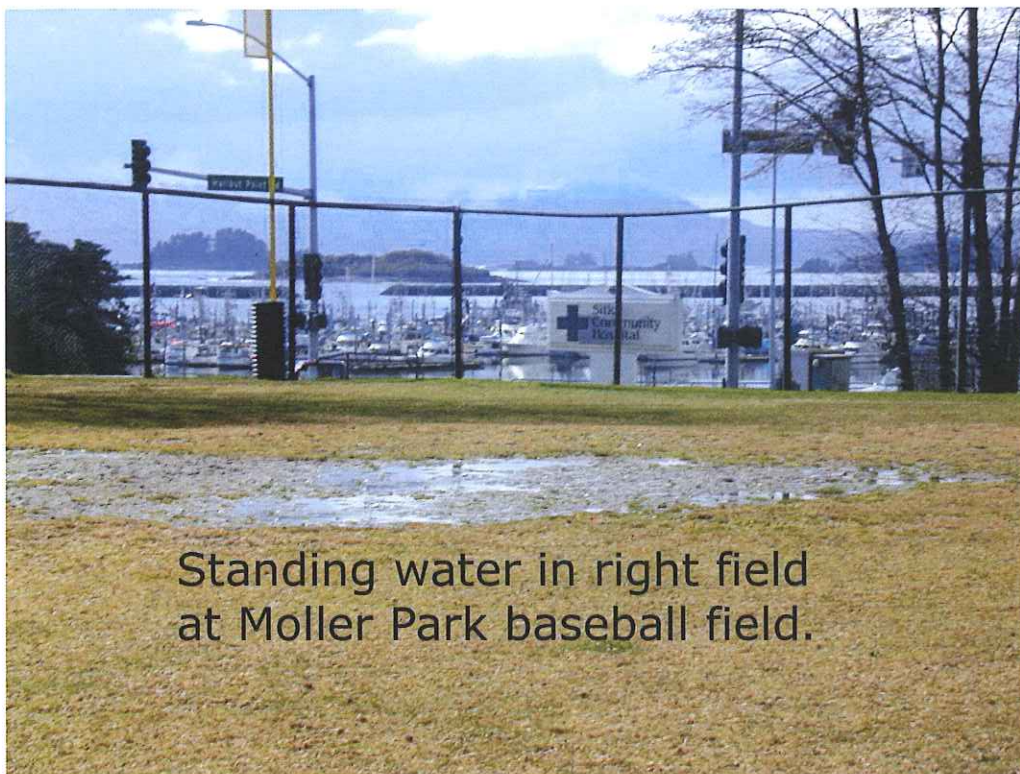
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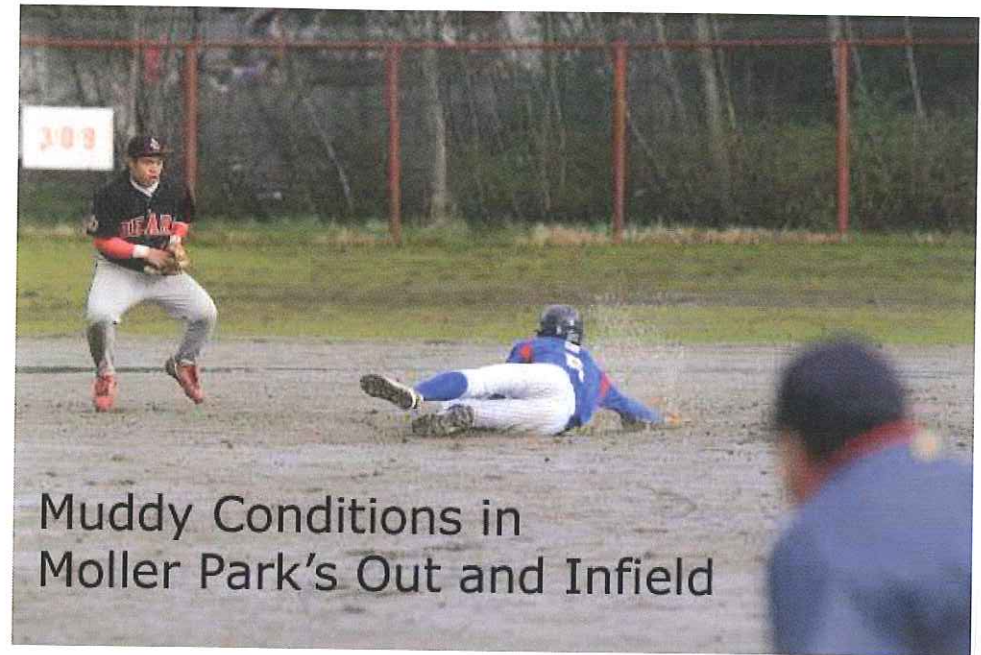
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SCOREBOARD FUNDING PROVIDED BY: SITKA CLASS OF 1971

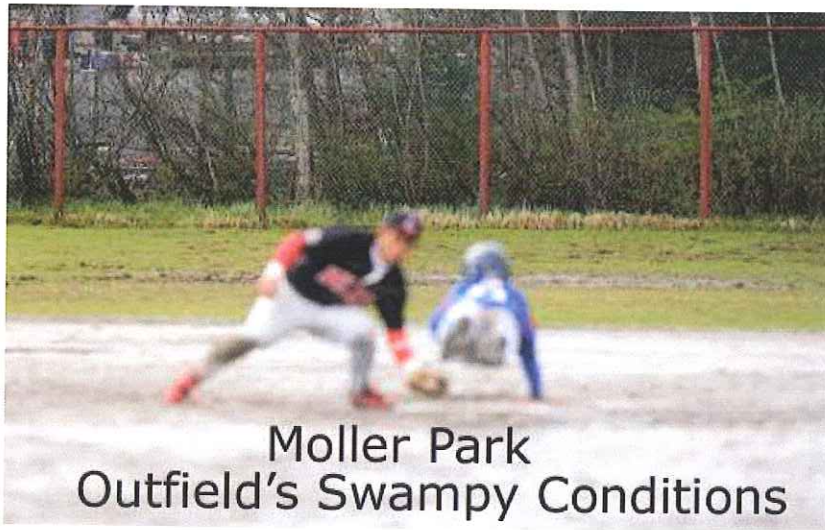
New scoreboard donated by the Sitka High class of 1971 for Moller Field. Total donation including value of scoreboard and inkind volunteer labor and supplies is \$35,000.



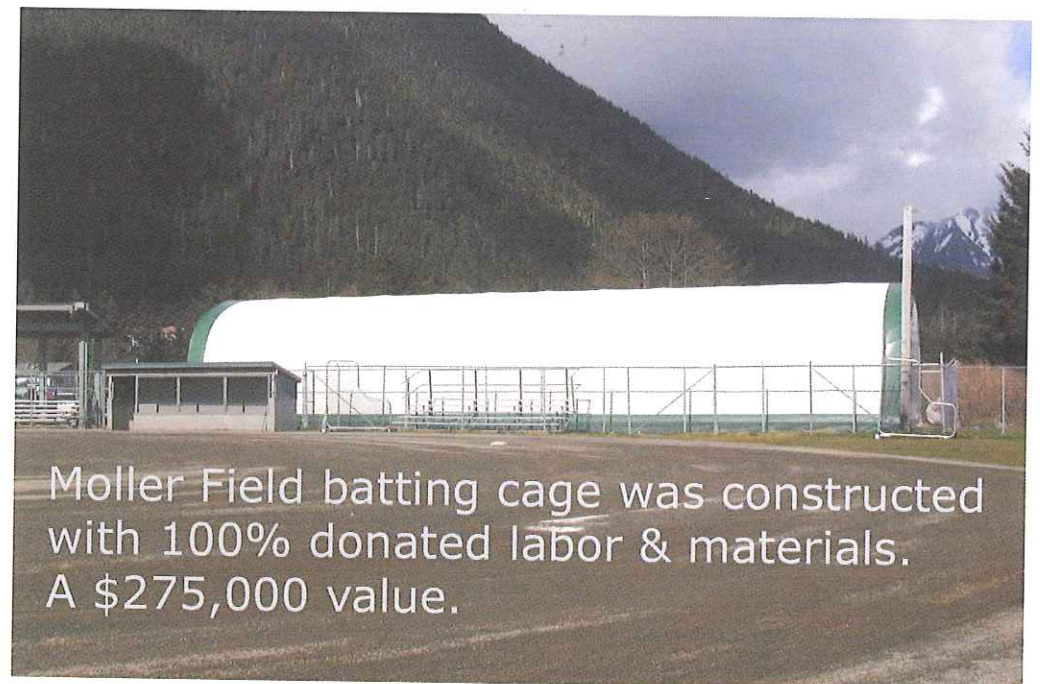
Standing water in right field
at Moller Park baseball field.



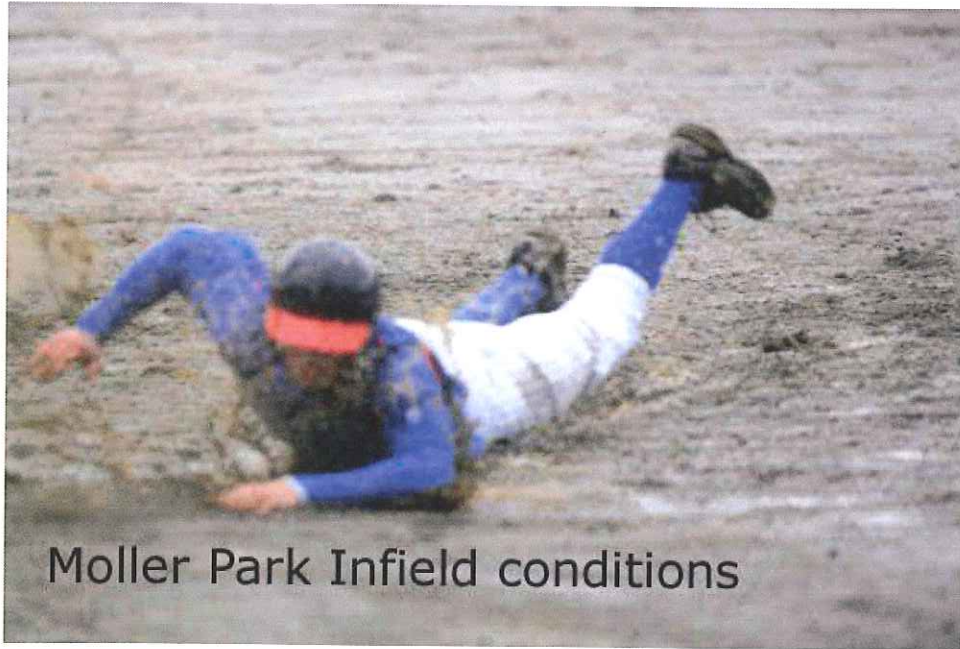
Muddy Conditions in
Moller Park's Out and Infield



Moller Park
Outfield's Swampy Conditions



Moller Field batting cage was constructed
with 100% donated labor & materials.
A \$275,000 value.



Moller Park Ballfield Player wears
the Infield

